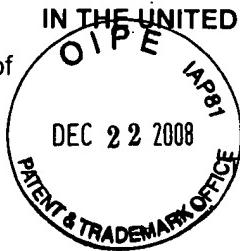


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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/647,599

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Filed: October 3, 2000

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Title: IMPLANTS FOR ADMINISTERING SUBSTANCES AND METHODS OF
PRODUCING IMPLANTS

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	0	minus highest number	
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$52.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	0	minus highest number	
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add
\$140.00 (1814)/ \$70.00 (2814) \$

Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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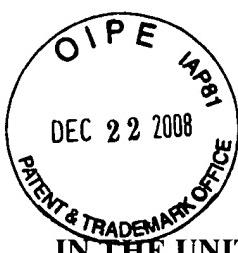
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RESPONSE

This is responsive to the Official Action of September 22, 2008. Claims 180-189 are pending in the application of which claims 180-185 are rejected while remaining claims 186-189 are allowable but dependent from a rejected claim.

In the Official Action in commenting on applicants' claim for benefit of priority, which was acknowledged, was criticized in that "applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 USC §119(e) as follows: The original specification and claims do not support the new limitation of 'mesoporous'". This is incorrect.

The PCT application (of which the subject application is a national stage entry) has an international filing date of April 16, 1999 and was published on October 28, 1999. Mesoporous silicon is exactly described in the specification at page 5, lines 4-6 "mesoporous silicon (pore size 2 – 50 nm)". Mesopores are specifically mentioned on page 19, line 14.

Applicants pointed out basis for this term when it was first introduced into the claims; see the Amendment of August 15, 2003, page 4, "Mesoporous silicon is described in the specification at page 5, lines 4-6 from which the silicon implant is prepared." explaining the basis for the claims then being added.

Applicants also claim benefit of priority of their GB application filed April 17, 1998. However for purposes of this response a date of April 16, 1999, the international filing date of the underlying PCT application, will be sufficient. Applicants reserve their right to pursue benefit of priority to the GB application, if necessary.

Claims 180-185 stand rejected as being anticipated by Canham 1st Annual International IEEE-EMBS Special Topic Conference on Microtechnologies in Medicine and Biology, October 12-14, 2000, Lyon, France. This document is not available as prior art against the claims of the subject application as the published PCT application filed April 16, 1999 antedates the Canham article.

Having perfected benefit of priority and established the date prior to the applied reference claims 180-185 are allowable together with allowable claims 186-189. Reconsideration and allowance are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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